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34 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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36 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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38 THOMAS FLOYD BRISSETTE, SR.,

39 Plaintiff,

40 v.

41 EDWARD ALAMEIDA, et al.,

42 Defendants.

43 C-03-0200 VRW (PR)

44 JOINT STIPULATED REQUEST FOR
45 ORDER EXTENDING FACT
46 DISCOVERY CUT-OFF, EXPERT
47 DISCLOSURE & EXPERT
48 DEPOSITION DATES TO COMPLETE
49 A NON-PARTY DEPOSITION;
50 [PROPOSED] ORDER

51 Dispositive Hearing Date: June 22, 2006
52 Pretrial Conference: July 18, 2006
53 Trial Date: August 7, 2006
54 Judge: The Honorable Vaughn R. Walker

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56 The parties to the above-entitled action jointly submit this Stipulation requesting an order
57 extending their previously stipulated May 26, 2006 expert disclosure date, the June 2, 2006 fact
58 discovery cut-off, and the deadline for expert depositions by approximately three to four weeks,
59 to complete the deposition of a non-party doctor who performed Plaintiff's multiple sleep latency
60 test.

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1 Although the parties have completed most of their fact discovery, they have yet to take the
2 deposition of the contract physician, Dr. Eric Overland, of Medford, Oregon, who performed
3 Plaintiff's multiple sleep latency test.^{1/} Dr. Overland's recent test evaluated the central issue in
4 this case, whether or not, Plaintiff has narcolepsy. Written test results have been provided to
5 both parties necessitating the deposition of Dr. Overland. Dr. Overland's report states:

6 "Mr. Brissette has a history for and meets polysomnographic, and multiple sleep
7 latency testing criteria for narcolepsy. We will communicate with the medical officers
8 at Pelican Bay State Prison to discuss medical therapy for this."

9 Therefore, the parties request an extension of the above-mentioned discovery deadlines.

10 **I. BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL STATUS**

11 **A. Case Overview**

12 This is a prisoner's civil rights action brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, in which Plaintiff
13 alleges deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs. Plaintiff claims that he suffers from
14 narcolepsy, and that Defendants prevented Plaintiff from receiving medication (or other
15 treatment) for the condition since August 2000. Defendants deny any and all liability.

16 **B. Fact Discovery Completed To Date**

17 Pursuant to case management deadlines previously set by the Court, the parties exchanged
18 initial disclosures on August 12, 2005, and have since completed the depositions of Plaintiff,
19 both Defendants (Drs. Allen and Winslow), and non-parties Drs. Douglas and Ruben.
20 Defendants also responded to Plaintiff's document requests, interrogatories, and requests for
21 admissions, and have produced approximately 2,000 pages of responsive materials, including
22 Plaintiff's prison health records.

23 The parties previously stipulated that the deadline for making expert disclosures pursuant to
24 Rule 26(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure be extended up to and including May 26,
25 2006.

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27 1. Dr. Overland is a partner in the Sleep Disorder Clinic. Neither prison medical staff nor
28 the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation have control over Dr. Overland's
schedule because he is a contract physician.

1 **II. EVENTS NECESSITATING ADDITIONAL TIME FOR FACT DISCOVERY AND**
 2 **EXPERT DISCLOSURES.**

3 Plaintiff's Polysomnogram sleep study conducted on January 10, 2006, was inconclusive in
 4 determining whether Plaintiff has narcolepsy. As such, prison medical staff made arrangements
 5 for Plaintiff to undergo a second Polysomnogram and Multiple Sleep Latency Test on March 1,
 6 2006. The results of that testing conducted by Dr. Overland were provided to both parties on or
 7 about March 15, 2006. It was hoped that the results would help to resolve this litigation, but the
 8 parties need to depose Dr. Overland to question the type of testing done, to interpret the result of
 9 the test, and to obtain his opinion as to Plaintiff's condition. Both parties spent several weeks
 10 trying to contact Dr. Overland to set up a date for his deposition. Dr. Overland has been
 11 completely out of contact with his office for the past three weeks. After calling Dr. Overland's
 12 office several times to ask for a convenient deposition date, and without receiving any response
 13 from Dr. Overland, Plaintiff's counsel served a subpoena to Dr. Overland's mailing address on
 14 May 1, 2006, setting his deposition for May 22, 2006. Dr. Overland returned to work at the
 15 Sleep Disorder Clinic in Medford, Oregon on May 15, 2006. On May 16, 2006, defense counsel
 16 finally was able to make contact with Dr. Overland, who agreed to appear for deposition on June
 17 20, 2006. Thus, the parties request that the Court extend the current June 2, 2006 discovery cut-
 18 off by four weeks to June 30, 2006. For the same reasons, the parties request an extension of the
 19 deadline for expert disclosures to July 3, 2006 and deadline for expert depositions to July 14,
 20 2006. This will permit completion of Dr. Overland's deposition, and consideration of his
 21 testimony for purposes of expert disclosures and further settlement discussions.²

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25 2. Although the Court previously set May 18, 2006 as the last day to file dispositive motions,
 26 Defendants have advised Plaintiff's counsel that following Dr. Overland's deposition, they will seek
 27 leave of Court to file a dispositive motion in this matter. Plaintiff has no objection to such a request
 28 for leave, provided Dr. Overland's testimony reveals valid grounds for a motion. Dr. Overland's
 June 20, 2006 deposition date prohibits Defendants from meeting the current dispositive motion
 deadline.

III. ADR

The parties are willing to participate in a settlement conference before a federal Magistrate Judge following completion of the discovery described above.^{3/}

STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED] ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, the parties hereby stipulate as follows:

- 6 1. The fact discovery cut-off is extended to June 30, 2006.

7 2. The expert disclosure deadline is extended to July 3, 2006.

8 3. Deadline for expert depositions is July 14, 2006.

SO AGREED.

May 18, 2006

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By /s/
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May 18, 2006

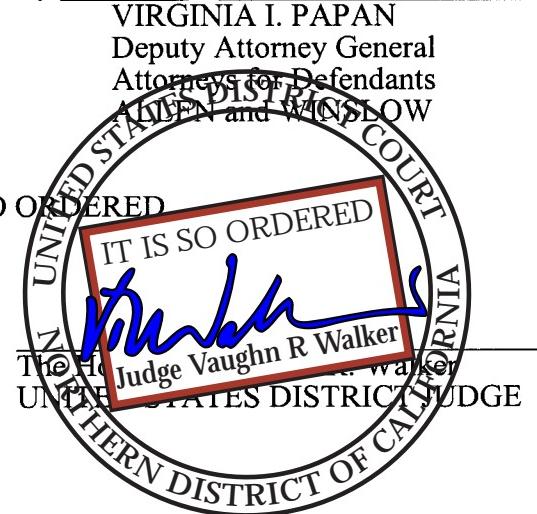
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PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS

DATED: May 24, 2006



3. Defendants believe that an additional case management conference may be necessary to revisit dispositive motions, settlement conference, pretrial conference, and trial dates. Plaintiff has no objection to such a conference.

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

Case Name: **Thomas Floyd Brissette v. Edward Alameida, et al.**

Case No.: **C-03-0200 VRW (PR)**

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar, at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter; my business address is 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000, San Francisco, CA 94102-7004.

On May 18, 2006, I served the attached

**JOINT STIPULATED REQUEST FOR ORDER EXTENDING FACT DISCOVERY
CUT-OFF, EXPERT DISCLOSURE & EXPERT DEPOSITION DATES TO COMPLETE
A NON- PARTY DEPOSITION; PROPOSED ORDER**

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on May 18, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

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Declarant


Signature